

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 3, and 19.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4-8. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

1. (Amended) A method for producing an improved particulate composition comprising:
(a) controlling the moisture content of a drying gas, [expressed as a dew point in degrees C,] to a selected level which is maintained to an accuracy of at least 1 °C;
(b) atomizing a liquid feed to form liquid droplets; and
(c) contacting the liquid droplets with the drying gas of step (a);

thereby drying the liquid droplets to form spray dried particles having the largest median geometric diameter, lowest median aerodynamic diameter, and a minimized tap density

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the dew point is in the range between about 0° C and -40° C.

5. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the aerodynamic diameter is less than about 5 microns.

6. (Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the aerodynamic diameter is less than about 3 microns.

7. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the tap density is less than about 0.4 g/cm³.

8. (Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the tap density is less than about 0.1 g/cm³.